

Enclosed you will find the new and improved City Council Newsletter. Designed to be more web-friendly as well as easier to share, it still provides all the same great information about projects and other interesting city efforts. Staff will continue to add additional features such as links to other city information over the coming weeks, so keep an eye out for subtle changes.

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# City Council Newsletter



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## University of Oregon Undergraduates Work With Staff to Learn About the "Real World" of Eugene

In the Fall Term of 2015, the University of Oregon Planning, Public Policy and Management Department offered a new course titled "Real World Eugene." Co-instructed by Bethany Steiner and Bob Parker, this was the first attempt at offering a capstone course to synthesize the undergraduate experience in the department. The course was funded by a grant from the University's Williams Foundation, as part of their effort to promote innovation in the

undergraduate learning experience. The City assisted with the grant by providing a letter of support.

The course brought City staff together with students to work on four projects designed to address current issues for the City:

- Student Vehicle Use – how students decide to bring vehicles to Eugene and how they use them
- Tactical Urbanism – community-led initiatives to spur action (pop-up parks, open streets, etc.)
- Residential Composting – a pilot program to test residential food waste composting
- Millennials & Community Engagement – strategies to engage a younger demographic in Eugene



Fourteen students worked throughout the Fall Term in small groups, mostly independent of staff, to develop research questions and make recommendations to the City on each project. While ten weeks was a short time period to produce actionable results, all staff involved indicated that they now have new concepts and ideas to build into these projects.

Project leads included Rob Inerfeld (PW – Engineering), Will Dowdy (PDD – Planning), Jason Dedrick (CS-CMO), Stephanie Scafa (PDD – Waste Prevention) and Michael Wisth (PDD – Waste Prevention). Other staff involved included Lindsay Selser (PW – Engineering), Laura Hammond (PDD – Administration), Jeff Petry (PDD – Parking Services), Rene Kane (CS – CMO) and Katie Babits (CS – HR).

Feedback from students after the course reflects their learning and the value of the City engaging with the University, particularly undergraduates, in this new and unique way:

- “Before this class, I felt disconnected from the city. I never declared residency, nor have I ventured off campus much. This class has given me a new, broadened perspective on the city I have been living in for the past four years.”
- “...opportunities such as this course connect the intellectual capital and innovation of the University of Oregon with the local community.”
- “I am leaving this experience feeling like I grew personally and professionally, while simultaneously helping the City of Eugene create an extremely beneficial program.”

The PPPM Department was pleased with the student experience as well and current plans are for this course to be offered again in the Fall of 2016. For more information, please contact Jason Dedrick at 541-682-5033 or [jason.p.dedrick@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:jason.p.dedrick@ci.eugene.or.us).

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Community Conversations Seek to Build Unity in Our Community

Join us for the 5th Community Conversation May 12th!

For four months, community members have packed the EWEB community room. Participants enter as friends, long-time residents, new arrivals, students, strangers, and neighbors and leave as part of a community. Each conversation has offered a unique approach to finding ways to build unity in our community. Participants have had in-depth conversations on the complexities of culture, unpacked Oregon's history of racial exclusion, developed skills to reduce micro-aggressions and worked to understand the ways that systems create uneven playing fields.

You're invited to join us for the final conversation in this series - Don't Just Dream it. Be it: Concrete Actions for Change. The event takes place at EWEB Community Room (500 E. 4th Ave) at 5:30 pm on May 12th. A light meal is provided along with child care, translation or interpretive services upon request. These conversations have been put on with leadership from the Eugene-Springfield NAACP, the Community Conversations initiative is a partnership with City of Eugene, 4J and Bethel School Districts, EWEB, LULAC and Lane County with the goal of building unity in our community through shared understanding and meaningful dialogue. For more information contact Jennifer Lleras Van Der Haeghen, Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement, 541-682-5619 or [jennifer.e.vanderhaeghen@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:jennifer.e.vanderhaeghen@ci.eugene.or.us).



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## Maker Expo at Eugene Public Library

All ages are invited to "Maker Expo: See & Do" on Saturday, May 14 at the Downtown Eugene Public Library. Drop in between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. for fun demonstrations and hands-on exploration with Eugene Public Library's tech and crafts tools.

This free event will feature a 3D printer, green screen photo booth, voice-modulating audio system, Makey Makey invention kits, littleBits electronic building blocks, Eggbot art robot, button maker, and an embroidery machine. Come play, learn, and get an introduction to the maker equipment and workshops available at the Library.

Eugene Public Library's maker activities offer a wide variety of ways to develop skills, use tools, discover, invent, and create for success in school, work, art, and life. Opportunities are available at every level: hobbyist, student, and professional.

The Library holds many free workshops that are open to all. In addition, Library cardholders have access to limited-space classes and independent project work in the new Maker Hub rooms on the Downtown Library's 3rd floor.

These events and dedicated spaces are designed to meet a wide range of community needs, including enhancing kids' STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) education, providing positive activities for teens, and supporting adults' career development and lifelong learning. For more information, contact Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library).

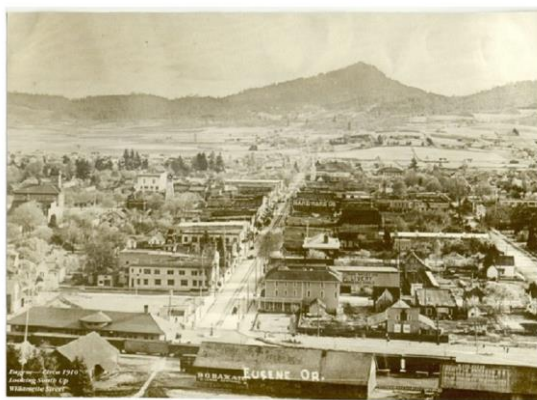
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## City Celebrates National Historic Preservation Month in May with Events and a New Historic Property Restoration Grant Program

In honor of National Historic Preservation Month in May, Eugene's Planning Division will be supporting several events throughout the City and launching a new grant program to help preserve and repair historic homes in Eugene.

Eugene's new Historic Property Restoration Grant program will provide grants of up to \$1000 of matching funds to homes or commercial properties that are listed as a historic City Landmark to help enhance or preserve the structure. A recent episode of [Working City](#) featured the new program. For an application and more information on the types of properties and projects that are eligible, visit the City's website ([www.eugene-or.gov/hp](http://www.eugene-or.gov/hp)) or call 541-682-5437. Grant applications are due by July 1, 2016.



Currently the City has over 65 designated City Landmarks. These buildings or structures are recognized as significant to Eugene's history and worthy of protection. These properties are eligible for grants and low-interest loans through the City. A map of City Landmarks is available at <http://pdd.eugene-or.gov/Maps/HistoricMap>.

The City of Eugene's Historic Preservation Program will be hosting a booth at The Saturday Market each Saturday in May. City Staff, members of Eugene's Historic Review Board, and University of Oregon graduate students will be available to answer questions and provide additional information about historic preservation in Eugene.

In addition, a number of events will highlight the history of our city and neighborhoods.

- **First Friday ArtWalk Reception and Square Dance Hoedown at WOW Hall**
  - May 6 - 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. An exhibit will also be on display at WOW Hall during the month of May: "The Woodmen of the World (WOW): Their History and Their Hall"
- **Scavenger Hunt/Raffle – UO Associated Students for Historic Preservation**
  - Clues released May 8, game ends May 22, winners announced May 27, visit <http://ashpres.wix.com/uoregon> for more information (anyone who gets all answers correct are entered into a prize drawing)

- **Friendly Neighborhood Walk led by Andrew Fischer, Co-Chair of the Historic Review Board**
  - May 7 - 1:00 p.m. - Washington Park Community Center - 2025 Washington Street
- **Mid-Century Modern Tour - The tour focuses on residential mid-century architecture in South Eugene. Hosted by the City of Eugene in partnership with the UO Associated Students for Historic Preservation**
  - May 15 - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Grant Seder's Unitarian Church (Saraha Buddhist Institute) - 477 East 40th Ave.
  - Reception and panel discussion 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
  - Tour 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **City Landmark Workshop - Learn about the City Landmark listing process and how to research your own historic property.**
  - June 6 - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Atrium Building, 99 W 10th Ave.

The City's Historic Preservation program helps preserve the community's unique heritage, culture, and character by recognizing and helping protect historically significant properties and neighborhoods. For more information, contact Erik Berg-Johansen at 541-682-5437.

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## 1Pass Provides Opportunities for Youth This Summer

It's a simple idea with broad reach: Combine inexpensive summer fun for kids with accessible transportation. Multiple attractions, one pass — or 1PASS, as the card is called.



Eugene Rec has teamed with Willamalane, Lane Transit District, Cascades Raptor Center, River Road Park & Recreation District pool, the Science Factory, Lane United Football Club and the Eugene Emeralds to offer kids 17 and under admissions and discounts at fun destinations all summer long for one low price — only \$50.

The passes are on sale starting May 6 at Eugene Rec pools, Willamalane Center, Splash! at Lively Park, Willamalane Park Swim Center, and LTD's Eugene station. Passes are nontransferable and are valid May 30-Sept. 5, 2016.

More information is at [getrec.org/1pass](http://getrec.org/1pass).

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## Sheep Put to Work on Biocycle Farm



Dozens of sheep are hard at work this spring at the Biocycle Farm, eating grass and weeds without creating ruts typically left behind by larger machinery.

The sheep, about 150 in all, graze between the Poplar trees at the nearly 600 acre farm. The area is usually wet and hard to mow early in the spring.

The Biocycle Farm is part of the Regional Water Pollution Control Facilities and uses recycled water and soil amendments (residuals) made as part of the treatment of wastewater. Poplar trees are grown on the farm for the air ability to utilize the nutrients in both the water and soil amendment. Grass grows under the trees and must be maintained. City staff work with local farmers to allow the sheep to come to the farm at no cost.



Additional benefits of the sheep grazing at the farm include reduced diesel consumption and herbicide usage. For more information about the Residuals Work program contact Randy Gray at (541) 682-8660. For information about the Environmental Management System contract Tanya Haeri-McCarrol at (541) 682-8613.

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## Metro TV and Parks and Open Space Team Up to Win Telly Award

A "Working City" short video about the City's work to protect and enhance the Ridgeline Park System has won a bronze award in the 36th Telly competition. The short video was produced by Metro TV and Parks and Open Space in the fall of 2015. The video was created in response to the Eugene Parks and Open Space Division's receipt of the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association's Asset Management Award. The video features beautiful imagery along with park staff discussing management of the Ridgeline's over 2,000 acres of natural habitat and 16 miles of trails, as well as the successful completion of an ambitious project to create a new trail to the top of Spencer Butte in order to make it easier for people to use while protecting the surrounding rare habitat.

Metro TV Channel 21 is provided as a community benefit through the Comcast Cable TV rights-of-way use agreement managed by the City's Telecommunications Program (Information Services Division). Telecommunications Program staff members support Metro TV in showcasing its work for awards such as this and are pleased when exceptional programming about City efforts receives national recognition.



The Telly Awards annually showcase the best work of the most respected advertising agencies, production companies, television stations, cable operators, and corporate video departments in the world. The Telly Awards receives over 12,000 entries annually from all 50 states and many foreign countries. The three minute video is currently featured on the City's home page and can also be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/142417154>.

For more information about the City's support of "Working City" and its award-winning programming, contact Rob Inerfeld, Transportation Planning manager, at 541-682-5343, or Pam Berrian, telecommunications cable program manager, at 541-682-5590. For more information about information provided in the video contact Kelly Darnell, Parks and Open Space Marketing and Outreach Manager at 541-682-4901.

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## Amazon Creek, City Rain Gardens Featured in "Clean Water Connections"

The latest issue of Clean Water Connections should soon be surfacing in mailboxes throughout the City. The annual newsletter encourages discovery along the banks of Amazon Creek, along with information about what it takes to keep to the waterway healthy and flowing smoothly. Readers will also learn about City rain gardens that are visible along several streets in Eugene, and how they help filter the stormwater runoff that flows through them.

Other topics include nurturing nature for gardening success and a clean water calendar that highlights year-round eco-friendly tips. Residents facing water flow issues on their property can learn more about Oregon's civil law doctrine for drainage.

Clean Water Connections is an annual publication with a goal of educating and informing community members about stormwater pollution and ways to protect our local waterways. Articles typically address current issues, City projects, and one page of interest to share with younger residents. With a distribution of 79,000 copies, it fulfills an important requirement for the City's stormwater permit.



Copies of the newsletter are now available electronically at [www.eugene-or.gov/happyrivers](http://www.eugene-or.gov/happyrivers). Eugene residents can also expect to receive the newsletter via mail over the next few weeks. For more information contact Kathy Eva, Public Information Specialist for the Stormwater Management Program, at 541-682-2739 or [kathy.a.eva@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:kathy.a.eva@ci.eugene.or.us).

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Be Green, Be Healthy, Be a Part of a Team



Mark your calendars for the 2016 Business Commute Challenge (BCC), a weeklong event from May 14-20 in which businesses and other organizations compete to see who can have the most employees walk, bike, bus, or carpool to work. The workplace with the highest participation wins, along with great prizes for individuals. The event is coordinated by Point2Point and sponsored in part by the City of Eugene.

There are 13 City of Eugene teams registered so far, including Cultural Services, Library, Police Department, City Manager's Office, Public Works Engineering, Public Works at Roosevelt, Public Works Administration, Finance, Recreation at River House, Recreation at Campbell Center Planning and Development, Amazon Center and Pool. Members of the City Council are encouraged to participate, either by forming a team or joining one of the existing City teams. If you don't have a team, you can register one today at [commutechallenge.org](http://commutechallenge.org).

This year the BCC prizes include a Breezer commuter bike from Arriving by Bike, a 'My Party Bus' tour to Agrarian Ales for 20, a Rafting trip down the McKenzie River for two, Amtrak roundtrip tickets, a Burley Travoy Trailer, gift certificates to local restaurants and more! The more you participate, the bigger the prize you have a chance to win. Visit the BCC [prize](#) page to learn more.

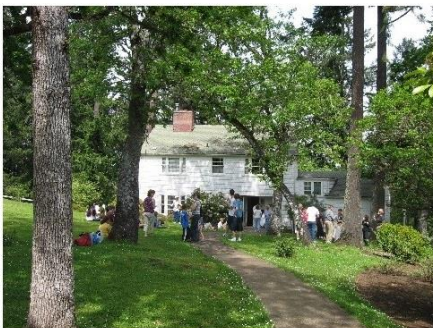
Sign-up at [commutechallenge.org](http://commutechallenge.org) and select your team, then complete the form. If you need help please call Cammie Harris, Challenge Coordinator with LTD, at 541-682-6206, or ask Jessica Kessinger with Transportation Options at 541-682-5059.

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## Wayne Morse Family Farm Holds Open House

In honor of National Historic Preservation Month, Wayne Morse Family Farm will hold its annual open house on Sunday May 15th, 2016, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at 595 Crest Drive. The event is free, and will include historical and park information, exhibits, a children's clue hunt, and an ice cream social.



The Wayne Morse Family Farm, formerly a working cattle and horse farm, was the family home of Oregon Senator Wayne Morse who served in the U. S. Senate from 1944 to 1968. It is currently a 26 acre multi-use Eugene City Park, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The open house is sponsored by the Wayne Morse Historical Park Corporation.

For more information about Wayne Morse Family Farm, visit [www.waynemorse.org](http://www.waynemorse.org).



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